

MDS – Narrative Proposal Text Form – Word Doc with Questions Included
8 pages maximum, 11 pt. font minimum (updated 12/2014)

PI Name:

Proposal Title:

■ **1. Problem / issue and goals.** Describe the problem/issue your project will address. Briefly describe the goals/objectives of the project.

■ **2. Research methods / creative activities:** Identify the partners (departments, programs and/or individuals) in the new multidisciplinary alliance). Describe the research methods/creative activities that the alliance members will undertake.

■ **3. Significance of intended outcomes:** Describe the significance/importance of the intended project outcomes.

■ **4. Anticipated external funding:** Describe how the initial joint efforts will result in a new and unique program of research or creativity that will lead to external funding. List anticipated outside funding source to support follow-up activity, including specific grant programs, the goals of those programs, and the amount of funding available. List the approximate date(s) by which you intend to request external funding from one or more of the funding sources you identified.

■ **5. Schedule of project activities:** Indicate the time period during which each of the major project activities will begin and end, including publication and/or performance plans. If appropriate, briefly describe the related research and/or creative activities that will take place before and after the grant period.

■ **6. Budget:** Provide a detailed budget explanation. The information should mirror the items you will be placing in the Excel budget form.

■ **7. Departmental/College support:** Describe any additional support the PI will receive from the department and/or college. This special or non-routine support may include, but is not limited to, release time from teaching load, graduate student costs, rehearsal or performance space, lab space and/or technical assistance.

■ **8. Professional obligations:** List any professional obligations the PI has during the award period.

■ **9. Permission statement:** Please indicate whether or not the CRC has your permission to use this proposal as an example of an awarded project in the event it is funded.

■ **10. References:** Include a references list, if applicable. References do not count as Proposal Text pages.

■ **11. Appendices:** Include Appendices as needed, including approval forms and other supplementary materials pertinent to your proposed project. Please be considerate of reviewers' time and file space; avoid excessive Appendices.